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THE TONNOR LETTER.

Divers and Sundry Remarks Thereon.

Here is the letter of Special Agent Tonnor, which has obtained considerable notoriety:

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Prince of the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.—Sir: I have the honor to submit the following report of the Rio Verie Indian Reservation, from which I have just returned.

From a total of over nineteen hundred Indians there in July last, but eight hundred and eighty remain; the remainder have died or fled to the mountains, preferring, many of them, death by warfare to falling by disease.

The Apache Yumas, who were removed from the Colorado river reservation, last Summer, have suffered greatly, and begged to be allowed to return there; their number has been reduced from six hundred and forty to two hundred and ninety-two since going there, by sickness, and desertion in consequence.

The Apache-Mojaves numbered 508, now 305; the Fontos from 810 to 22. There was no complaint of their food or treatment by those who went out, and no depredantlons or nurriers committed by them since going. The troops have followed and killed many of them; two scouting parties being now in the field, none of the deserters have returned, and will not, to that reservation. I would recommend, in view of its unfitness for a reservation and Apache-Mojaves be removed to the Colorado river reservation, where an abundance of land, still unoccupied, remains.

General Crook objects to the removal of the first named, lest they should think they had gained the point sought by going on the Colorado reservation, in opposition to his orders last June. I deem them sufficiently punished, and would insure their good behavior at the Colorado. A matter of opinion should not interfere with what is due to humanity.

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He says the Tontos do not agree with the White Mountain Indians, and objects to their removal on that account; this plea did not avail the Apache-Yumas last year, the enmity of the Tontos being their great objection to going on the Verde, but no conflict occurred, although they mingled every ration day.

Since the enlargement of the Colorado river reservation, there is ample room for all these Indians, and facilities to plant, which can at once yield them partial support and employment; besides, the cost of flour is but little more than half what it is at the Rio Verde, and other supplies very much less.

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It is very destrable that a decision should be arrived at as suon as possible; if thought best to keep the Indians there, means should at once be given the agent to construct an brigating diken and erect foundings for the agency; but the expenditure of seventy-five thousand dollars on these laprovements would inadly be warranted under existing circumstances, as another summer there will, I think, cause the death or desertion of the Indians now there.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. Tonnor, Special Commissioner.

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Well, after all it is not such a terrible letter, considering that a Special Agent made it. Without making any special application of the remark to Dr. Tonnor, we repeal that as a rule a Special Agent is a nuisance. He always feels that he must find something wrong in his investiga-tions, and so strong does the feeling become in him, that however much worthy of commendation he may discover, he specially suppresses all of it and makes prominent and often exaggerates and even missiates evils which the officer directly responsible, is doing his utmost to improve or wholly remove. Doctor Tonnor seems to have maintained the reputation of Special Agents, in that he at least did not commend anything. But as despisable as the average of special Agents are, we will treat this one with fairness. We here give his letter entire, as it appeared in the Washington correspondence of The

We are informed that he was directed to confer with Gen. Crook before making his report and also that he did so, and while he states a point or two of the General's position, we are advised that he omitted the more important ones and, as any one can see by his letter, places himself away up in the pompous position of a humane reformer, and says "a matter of opinion should not interfere with what is due to humanity." Here the demagogue and insincere man appear. The Indian business is a practical and not sentimental one-and suspicious people think that the good Doctor discusses it from a practical standpoint. It makes no earthly difference to us where the Apaches are kept or who profits by their keeping. It is our candid opinion that if the Verde Apaches were on the Colorado reserve, more of our friends and surely of our parrons, would be benefited. We make this statement in advance that the many utterly selfish and dishonest hangers on around reserves and toadies to those who have patronage to dispense, may not even temporarily make the point that we are preludiced in favor of Gen. Crook or those at Verde. As before stated in THE CITIzen, we owe Gen. Crook nothing and the average military man is rarely so happy as when trying to belittle us or in hearing some other equally indifferent and small minded set of men do it. It is a source of solid satisfaction to know that we have the open or concealed opposition of nearly every rogue in Arizons. But to return to the main subject.

Apaches sufficiently punished, and if he refers to those on the Verde reservation, we agree with him and believe Gen. Crook does likewise; but if to those off in the mountains, then the Agent is wrong and puts himself in opposition to the famous General Order No. 10, which has had the approval of all in authority and the country at large, and was the first correct or effective step ever taken to quiet the Apaches, and is the only basis for action to keep them quiet. For anyone to say that Indians in open rebellion to this order are sufficiently whipped, and especially for one to say so who has never assisted in the amount of whipping the humane Doctor implies was necessary, is mere assertion and only worthy of contempt. The facts of sickness and deaths thereof, were wellknown and published all over the country before the Special Agent's report, and it was at least a work of supercrogation especially being done as it was after the general health of the Indians was restored and deaths among them were reduced to about an average of what there would be anywhere they might be located. reason we believe in this improved sanitary condition is this; When it was otherwise, those in charge of the reservation. gave the fact the widest publicity, and now and for months, they testify to their healthfulness as stated. As to the reduction of the number by all causes from 1900 to 880, we regard as immaterial, but it is a point just adapted to the mind and wants of a Special Agent. Late advices say there are over 1200 Apaches at Verde, and as well in mind and body as the average of people on or off reservations. As to the reduction of particular bands, this is about a common-sense way to treat of it: No objection that we know of was made to

taking the Indians to Verde, and we believe higher than Special Agents in the Indian service, approved the act. If they afterwards suffered from disease and death, it was an incident of the settlement of a problem which has, for want of a settlement by previous military administra-tions, caused a constant loss of life and property at least as valuable as those of Apaches. While disease was doing its worst at the Verde, we did not read of any demand by this excellent Doctor that the Indians should be removed as he now recommends. We don't know or any of his public documents at that period in which he set forth that "opinion should not interfore with what was due to humanity." Now, if health and quiet are restored, and several hundred more live Indians are really there than the Special Agent be lieved survived miasmatic and other deathly influences, then it were folly to incur the risks of another removal. It is cor-rent report that much of said sickness and death was the result of a fallure on the

part of Dr. Tonnor, as Superintendent, to supply these Indians with necessary blankets and comforts. The Special Agent omitted to embrace certain Important facts in his sanitary and humanity propositions. Unless there has been the most villainous and uncontradicted falsehoods abroad for years, the Indians in the Colo-rado river valley, are reduced rapidly by the most loathsome of diseases which do not come from a want of a healthy eli-mate, lack of food or raiment. This is a sanitary feature worthy the sincere attention of all men who think "opinion "should not interfere with what is due to "humanity"-living as well as that unborn. The volunteer remark at the closing of this Special Agent's letter that "another Summer there will, I think, cause "the death or desertion of the Indians "now there," is mere opinion at best, and he is on the record that "opinion" should not be regarded under certain circumstancommon goats. These bucks are is-lefts pure bits that kind of a circumstance. Another of this business is wortby of a corple of very prominent Spents, none but foothardy men of traveling alone between Presverde as well as over a majority in Arizona; now pradent men of traveling alone between Presverde as well as over a majority in Arizona; now pradent men onearly all in safety. Since Gens had uninterrupted sway with a core, but few cilizens have been a Apaches and they off traveled fore that time, more or less cilibre robbed or murdered or both, Apaches were exultant in almost buttons in the continue to do so while force that the change in the loss of life. Special Commissioners said or of no use in bringing about the continue to do so while force thy discontinue to do so while force thy discontinue to do so while force thy discontinue to do so while force in continue to do so while force may be peace and safety. In this chang against faithful and hardbeal agents, but aim it all at the own as Special Agents who never ces, and he must tolerate the belief that this is that kind of a circumstance. Anher fenture of this business is worthy of more attention than any heretofore assigned it. Before the military command of Gen, Crook in Arizona and the departure from it of a couple of very prominent Speeial Agents, none but foolhardy men thought of traveling alone between Prescott and Verde as well as over a majority of roads in Arizona; now prudent men pass over nearly all in safety. Since Gen. Crook has had uninterrupted sway with a reduced force, but few citizens have been killed by Apaches and they off traveled routes; before that time, more or less citizens were robbed or murdered or both. and the Apaches were exultant in almost every mountain and valley and roadway. Prior to the time named, many more citizens were being killed by Apaches than Apaches by troops and citizens. We are content with this change in the loss of life. All that Special Commissioners said or did was of no use in bringing about the

state, at least, of relative peace and safety

we now enjoy. The country and govern-

ment have rejected as worthless and mis-

chievious about all they ever recommend-

ed, and will continue to do so while force

Special Agent Tonnor deems certain become prominent in Indian matters when and where and while danger and fighting are necessary. They wait till danger is past and then appear in the capacity of faultfinders with an acknowledged desirable condition which they never assisted to bring about, and which all experience proves they retarded every time they in-

Arizona must have safety for the lives and property of her citizens and the government of the United States wants she should have it. Years ago, President Grant recognized the necessity of killing Apaches to bring this about, and he cut red tape and placed Gen. Crook in command to do the work to the extent necessity demanded, and the General is doing it; in fact so well did he carry on the work after an open field was given him, that in the midst of it, the President "jumped" him from a low rank to a full brigadiership, and about the time this Special Agent was ignoring his good work and seeking for defects without finding any worthy the name, the Senate of the United States confirmed the President's extraordinary appointment. This is not a string of mean ingless words, but of indisputable facts already accepted as such with the mass of the people.

Gen. Crook has done much for Arizons and hence we speak as we do of him. He unfortunately has to stand the praise of a gang of men who have been or are now being benefited by the incidents of his administration, and who will desert him in word and deed the moment they believe their pecuniary interests will be advanced by doing so.

Who is the Officer!

Under this heading, March 7, THE CITIznn contained an associate press telegram from Washington, stating that certain vouchers approved by some military officer in Arizona while acting as Indian agent, had been returned unpaid by an auditor of the treasury department because of their comparatively extravagant character. All the large papers and many of the small ones published the same dispatch and as it applied to affairs in Arisona we gave it a place. Capt. W. H. Brown of Camp Grant but at one time acting Indian agent at San Carlos, accepts the dispatch as referring to him, and on the 14th addressed a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs asking an investigation, setting forth the circumstances under which he assumed the duties of agent. Here is a paragraph of Captain Brown's letter:

If it is the opinion of the department that I have been extravagant, I demand an investigation, and respectfully request, with that end in view, that a tabular statement of the supplies furnished and the prices paid therefor, during the last two years, at the Indian agencies in Arizona, be prepared and sent me.

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Before having any knowledge of this
last phase of San Carlos affairs, our colmms were just about filled for this week,
and have but room to add that the associated press dispatches say Gen. Crook's
financial administration is to be investigatthat the Constal says be 'is only ed, and that the General says he "is only "too anxious to have a full investigation of Indian affairs here."

If investigations begin, we carnestly hope all the rogues—if any there be—connected with the service either in a eivil or military capacity, will be thoroughly exposed and punished to the extremest limit due for their offenses.

From The Sentinel of last Saturday: From The Sentinel of last Saturday:
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